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Universal Service Fund in place, that there is the opportunity to have a gap between what the federal USF fund will fund and what the cost will be of local phone service and the loss of their access charges, that you'll...you will drop the ball and that will be extremely difficult for those people who want a phone and phone service, and, again, depends on whether you come from the attitude of the company, the companies are going to have to learn to compete, and they are going to have to learn to live in this environment, but the interest is, do you...do you use Universal Service Fund to replace those access charges, and if not, if there's a gap in here, there's going to be nothing but to raise those rates because they won't have the Universal Service Fund and they won't have access charges, and the only place they can go is to raise the basic rates up.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I guess it's...I think it's important for the body, as you can look around, there aren't a whole lot of people here, I just think it's important to reiterate that several times here. I think I've heard that several times today already, but I just wanted to...I guess I want reassurance, I guess, that that could be the case, and if not the case.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, if I can just take a little bit of your time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Sure, you can take all of it.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, I want to try to put into perspective what the debate has been, and Senator Landis contributed on the last bill a little bit to that. Senator Beutler is trying to tell the body, look, there is going to be a loss of substantial revenues in this state. Those are going to be losses in access charges, they are going to be loss of a number of other things that are out here, and he wants to be guar...he wants to try to guarantee a certain amount of money will be there to guarantee people won't take a fall. He wants to put that in statute. I want it...I'm representing the committee at this point, but the committee felt it was necessary to let the Public Service Commission make that determination after they had all the information, given their view they are a consumer protection type of regulator. Now that's not true in all the states, but it happens to be true in this state. Senator Chambers has a